DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Sugar Export Promotion (Repeal) Ordinance was promulgated on 15.1.97 thereby providing for decanalisation of export of sugar.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Do not arise. Since international price is not favourable there is no likelihood of such loss.

Assistance for Damaged Worship Places

4906. SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether financial assistance for the repairs of damaged/destroyed places of worship has been made; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b) A fund called the Communal Harmony Fund was constituted by the Government of India with a corpus of Rs. 1.00 crore for carrying out repairs to the places of worship damaged in the riots in the wake of the Ayodhya incident of 6.12.1992. The administration of the Fund has been entrusted to the National Foundation for Communal Harmony. Assistance from the Fund is limited to 75% of the total cost. The State Government of Karnataka has been reimbursed Rs. 20.53 lakhs from this Fund. Proposals have been received from some other States also. These will be disposed of when necessary information/ clarification is received from them.

Deployment of Para-military Forces in J&K

4907. SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to news item captioned "Centre repeating 1968 blunder in J&K" appearing in 'Tribune', dated April 8, 1997;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken to deploy more para-military forces in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Central Para Military Forces are made available to the State Government to assist them to maintain public order. The levels of deployment depends upon the over all security scenario and the availability of Central Para Military Forces. Accordingly Central Para Military Forces have been made available to Government of J&K keeping in view the availability of these Forces.

[Translation]

President's Bravery Award

4908. SHRI DILEEP SANGHANI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3534, dated December 17, 1996 and state:

(a) whether such inspectors of Delhi Police against whom disciplinary action is being taken have been awarded with the President's bravery award on 10.1.97;

(b) the persons who recommended the names of such erring police officials for the President's bravey award and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether such police officials have also got out-of turn promotion on the basis of false encounters, false stories and hatching conspiracy;

(d) whether the medals so awarded have been taken back and the out-of-turn promotions withdrawn;

(e) the details of Delhi Police Officials against whom disciplinary action has been taken; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (f) One of the inspectors of Delhi Police was awarded police medal for gallantry on 10th January, 1997 for his having displayed exemplary courage in an encounter with a desparate criminal in January, 1993. There was no departmental inquiry pending against him at the time the relevant proposal was submitted to the Government. There was therefore no lapse on the part of Delhi Police in recommending his case. The departmental inquiry initiated much later against him has also since been closed for want of evidence. While the Medal awarded to him has not been withdrawn, he was not given any out-of-turn promotion for the exemplary courage he had shown for which he was awarded the medal.

[English]

Replacement of Damaged Stock

4909. SHRI I.D. SWAMI :
SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL :

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to refer to the answer given to Unstarred Question No. 509 dated February 25, 1997 regarding damaged stock in Super Bazar and state:

(a) whether the employees of the Super Bazar are given some amount to meet the cost of damaged stocks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for getting the stocks replaced from the suppliers in such circumstances;

(d) whether recovery of huge amounts from the employees is pending on account of damaged stocks in excess of the prescribed limit;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken to recover the amounts so outstanding against the employees?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the Super Bazar, Delhi, no amount is given to the employees to meet the cost of the damaged stock.

(c) The damaged stocks are replaced by the respective suppliers as per the terms of supply agreed with them.

(d) No recovery is pending from the employees on account of damaged stocks.

(e) and (f) In view of (d) above, do not arise.

Foodgrains sought by Karnataka

4910. SHRI A. SIDDARAJU : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has sought the additional quantity of foodgrains to implement the new PDS;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have released or proposed to release the additional quantity of foodgrains;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Import of Pulses

4911. SHRI DHIRENDRA AGARWAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of pulses imported during the last two years and the amount paid towards such import;

(b) whether the Government are considering to import the pulses during 1997-98;

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the amount likely to be incurred thereon; and

(d) the action being taken by the Government to make the country self-sufficient in the field of pulses and to reduce the import of pulses?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Quantity of pulses imported during last two years and value of import are as under:

Year	Quantity (lakhs tonnes)	Value (Rs. Crores)
1995-96	4.49	630.70
1996-97 (April-Feb.)	4.48	644.58

(b) and (c) There is no proposal at present for import of pulses on Government account.

(d) For increasing the pulses production so as to make country self-sufficient in the field of pulses and to reduce the imports, a centrally sponsored National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) is being implemented. Through the scheme field demonstrations and farmers training are being organised for the effective transfer of improved pulses production technology. Besides to motivate the farmers to adopt improved production technology, incentives are being provided to them on the use of certified seeds, micro-nutrients, rhizobium culture, improved farm implements, sprinkler sets etc.

[English]

Conservation of Forest Resources

4912. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have constituted an expert Committee for an indepth analysis of issues having an